



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Teruhiko IMOTO et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: J. Mercado

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FOR: HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, AND HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD OF PRODUCING

THIS TIME

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 29, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003, the response due date having been extended to May 2, 2003 by a one-month Extension of Time, Applicants submit the following comments.

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4 and 5 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 4 and 5 are rejected.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ise et al. in view of Rendina.

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